

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification beginning on page 9, line 21 as follows:

A genset [[60]]59 is coupled to the controller 10 via a multiconductor signal cable. The bidirectional signal communication allows the controller to, for example, start and stop the genset [[60]]59, to receive messages from the genset, and to send responses or other control messages to the genset [[60]]59.

The genset [[60]]59 is also coupled to a main AC distribution system 62 via a gen/shore transfer switch 58. The gen/shore transfer switch selectively allows power to be provided either from the genset [[60]]59 or utility (shore) incoming AC power 58, which is also coupled to the gen/shore transfer switch. The utility incoming AC power 58 is the power provided at the shore or at, for example, an RV park from a land power line. The utility AC incoming power is also coupled to a utility AC sensor 54, which may take the form of a doorbell transformer or a transformer/rectifier to provide a DC signal to the controller 10 via a signal cable 84 to indicate that AC power is present from a utility AC power source 58. The controller is then able to direct the gen/shore transfer switch 58 to connect the utility AC incoming power 58 to the main AC distribution system 62, and to disconnect the genset [[60]]59 from the main AC distribution system 62. The controller 10 will also, if appropriate in view of short cycle or other operating considerations, direct the genset [[60]]59 to shut off.

The main AC distribution system 62 is connected to a battery charger 64, which is connected to a battery 60 in order to charge the battery by drawing power from the genset [[60]]59 or utility AC incoming power 56, as described above. The battery 60 is also coupled to the controller 10 via a signal cable 84 so that the controller can determine the current battery voltage and other battery parameters such as rate of charge or discharge.

On page 12, line 12 please amend the specification as follows:

A metal plate 134 is secured over the open top of the housing, preferably using screws or other removable fasteners (although it may alternatively be snap-fit or otherwise attached). The plate ^{[[135]]}134 includes openings in appropriate positions so that the rocker switches and keys extend through the openings and seat snugly within the openings. The internal printed circuit boards are retained by snap fittings, but the plate 134 may alternatively the printed circuit board within the housing 130. In the preferred form, the plate is formed from a ferromagnetic material so that a magnetic sheet 136 having an attached label overlay 138 is removably attachable to the plate. Both the magnetic sheet 136 and the overlay 138 include cutouts and openings that match those of the plate 134 so that the rocker switches, keys, and display extend or are visible through the openings. The magnetic sheet and overlay allow for the manufacture of a common housing, circuit board, cover plate, and magnetic sheet along with a plurality of overlays that are tailored to specific customers or OEMs.